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AFFORESTATION PROGRAM SWINGS INTO ACTION

TRKE PLANTING IN KAMENETS-PODOL'SK OBLAST

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The workers of Kamenets-Podol'sk Oblast, in harmony with the Stalin plan for the transformation of nature, have developed a wide program of projects which are to assure higher yields from the fields in years to come.

In the fall of 1948, the oblast party committee approved a plan for the transformation of nature to be carried out over the next 10-15 years. According to this plan, tree planting was to be carried out on up to 75,000 hectares, 1,500 ponds and reservoirs were to be built, and the grass field system of agriculture was to be introduced on all kolkhozes.

The kolkhozes of the oblast exceeded all tasks set for 1948 for tree planting and soil preparation for 1949 planting as well as the plan for growing of nursery stock. Instead of 100 hectares, 456 hectares of gullies and steep slopes were planted with trees. In Teofipol'skiy and Chernostrovskiy rayons, 100 more hectares than planned were planted.

In 1949, 257 more hectares than planned were planted in the oblast and the nursery stock plan was fulfilled three times. Instead of 300 hectares, 930 hectares of land were prepared for planting in the spring of 1950.

In 1948 - 1949, instead of 310 ponds according to plan, 431 ponds with a total water surface area of 1,683 hectares were constructed on the kolkhozes. In addition, 90 ponds covering 480 hectares instead of the planned 80 ponds were restored. This means that the kolkhozes have already met one third of the pond and reservoir construction plan for the first 7 years.

At present, 40 percent of the kolkhozes in the oblast have converted to the grass field system of agriculture.

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Kiivs'ka Pravda

In 1949, the kolkhoz workers of Kiev Oblast planted trees on 1,716 hectares of the kolkhoz fields. This hectareage was 71.6 percent larger than called for by the year plan.

A total of 201 ponds with a surface area of 1,824 hectares was constructed and 180 old ponds were restored. Construction of 53 new water reservoirs covering 680 hectares was completed.

The oblast collected three times as many tree seeds as stipulated by the plan; 4,264 tons of acorns were collected.

Stavropol'skaya Pravda

In 1948, 428 hectares of land were planted in trees throughout Stavropol' Kray. In 1949, the year plan for tree planting was fulfilled during the spring of the year. The kolkhoz workers decided to have a total of 12,000 hectares planted by the end of fall and thus to exceed the year plan by 300 percent.

In Kurskiy Rayon, 20 tree-planting machines will plant 12 million tree and undergrowth seedlings and sow 16,000 kilograms of tree and undergrowth seedlings on 2,340 hectares of land. A total of 65 hectares is to be devoted to growing nursery stock for the needs of the rayon.

Chkalovskaya Kommuna

The Komsomols of Chkalov Oblast have decided to plant a state shelter belt along the banks of the Ural River between Chkalov and Ilek by the fall of 1952.

On the first planting day this spring, 1,000 boys and girls began work. After 5 days, they had planted 135 hectares in oak and acacia. During the summer, the planted area was serviced five times; 75-80 percent of the planted trees began to grow.

At the same time, soil preparation work for fall and spring planting was carried out. Altogether, 1,292 hectares were plowed as compared with 950 hectares prescribed by the plan. More than 3 million oak, ash, and acacia seedlings will be planted on the prepared land in the spring of 1950.

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